

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 12551 211909Z

ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 STRE-00 STR-05 NSCE-00

USIE-00 INRE-00 AGRE-00 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00

DODE-00 FRB-03 H-01 INR-07 INT-05 L-03 LAB-04

NSAE-00 PA-01 CTME-00 AID-05 SS-15 ITC-01 TRSE-00

PRS-01 SP-02 SOE-01 OMB-01 DOE-12 SSO-00 AF-10

ARA-10 EA-10 NEA-10 OIC-02 /144 W

-----117852 211911Z /40

O 211831Z DEC 77

FM USMISSION GENEVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4333

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GENEVA 12551

USMTN

USEEC

PASS STR ELECTRONICALLY FOR AMBASSADORS STRAUSS AND WOLFF

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN, EC

SUBJECT: GATT CIRCULATION OF CHRISTMAS PACKAGE OF MTN
NEGOTIATING PAPERS

1. THE GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS INSTRUCTED HIS
SECRETARIAT TO BEGIN WRAPPING IN PRESENTATIONAL FORMAT A
COMPREHENSIVE SET OF PAPERS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL
MTN PARTICIPANTS TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR LAUNCHING THE
SECOND PHASE OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE TOKYO
ROUND. AN OVERVIEW DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT
REPORTING ON PROGRESS ACROSS THE FULL SCOPE OF THE MTN
WILL ACCOMPANY THESE PAPERS WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
BEGINNING THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 GENEVA 12551 211909Z

2. IN HIS COVERING NOTE, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL POINT
TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE TOKYO ROUND:

A) THE APPROVAL AND MAINTENANCE OF INITIAL TIMETABLE
FOR REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURES IN

(1) AGRICULTURE,
(2) NON-TARIFF MEASURES, AND
(3) QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (UNDER NTM
PROCEDURES).

B) COMPLETION OF PAPERS DEVELOPED THROUGH PLURILATERAL
SESSIONS SCOPING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON

(1) GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
(2) CUSTOMS VALUATION
(3) AUTOMATIC LICENSING
(4) LICENSING TO ADMINISTER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
(5) STANDARDS
(6) MEAT
(7) DAIRY

THESE PAPERS, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE REFERRED TO IN THE
SECRETARIAT'S OVERVIEW OF NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN THE PROCESS
OF BEING CIRCULATED AS SOON AS THEY CAN BE PHYSICALLY
TRANSLATED, REPRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED.

C) SHORTER DRAFT TEXTS WILL ALSO BE ATTACHED,
REFLECTING MINIMUM AGREEMENT POSITIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.
AND THE EC ON

(1) SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES
(2) TARIFF REDUCTIONS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 GENEVA 12551 211909Z

(3) SAFEGUARDS

D) IN ADDITION, BRIEF PROGRESS STATEMENTS ARE BEING
MADE IN THE SECRETARIAT'S OVERVIEW PAPER CONCERNING THE
WORK IN THE GROUPS DEVOTED TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS, SECTORS,
AND FRAMEWORK.

3. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT BINDING ON ANY
PARTICIPATING PARTY AND LEAVE THE USG AND OTHERS FULL
LATITUDE TO ADD, DELETE, ELABORATE, OR ALTER POINTS OF
VIEW AS THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED. AT THE SAME
TIME, HOWEVER, THEY PROVIDE A THOUGHTFUL AND STUDIED
BEGINNING BASIS TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF NEGOTIATORS ON
THE KEY ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED IN THE SECOND PHASE OF
THIS ROUND BEGINNING THE LATTER PART OF JANUARY.

4. IN VIEW OF MTN DEL, U.S. POSITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN
PREJUDICED BY THESE PAPERS. TO THE CONTRARY, THOSE ITEMS
OF GREATEST INTEREST TO US ARE EITHER WELL REFLECTED IN
THE INITIAL DOCUMENTS OR THE SUBJECTS ARE CLEARLY
INCLUDED SO THAT WE CAN PURSUE THEM AS A PART OF BALANCING
OUR OVERALL PRIORITIES AS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED.

5. TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT AND THE VARIOUS MTN DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA, THIS PUBLICATION OF PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATING PAPERS REPRESENTS ONE OF THE MAJOR STEPS FORWARD IN MEETING THE DEMANDING TIMETABLE FOR THE TOKYO ROUND ESTABLISHED BY AMBASSADOR STRAUSS IN BRUSSELS IN JULY. IF THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JANUARY 17 APPROVES THIS COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE AS A BASIS FOR BEGINNING FULL NEGOTIATIONS, THE DEADLINE SHOULD BE READILY MET, THUS LAUNCHING THE TOKYO ROUND INTO ITS CRITICAL NEGOTIATING STAGE. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR. MCDONALD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PAPERS, TRADE, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 21-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977GENEVA12551
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770476-0349
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA USMTN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771229/aaaaaydr.tel
Line Count: 126
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e42549fe-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 151605
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GATT CIRCULATION OF CHRISTMAS PACKAGE OF MTN NEGOTIATING PAPERS
TAGS: ETRD, XT, XX, MTN, EEC, GATT
To: STATE USEEC MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e42549fe-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009